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	<p style="text-align: center;">May 5, 2007 Cookout at the Brazil's House. Directions printed on Page 5</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">July 17—21, 2007 VTR National</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">October 18—20, 2007 SEVTR</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Monthly Reminders</p> <p>Pub club meeting May 6, at King's Head Pub, St. Augustine on US 1 about 5 miles north of the city. Time: 1:00—4:00 p.m.</p>

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President's Corner President Helping the Cause!

I have driven the beautiful car pictured on the cover of last months newsletter exactly 4 miles since my Dad Jerry Popp (your President) drove it down from Yulee with my son Michael. It since has been scattered in a trillion pieces all over my driveway waiting for what started out to be a few simple repairs to the front end, water pump and a camber problem on the left rear tire.

Initially Dad and I decided to conquer the front end and rear bushings, ball joints and trunnions. I have been fortunate that I have been working from home for the last few weeks so I thought I could do "double duty" and also work on the TR6. However, I have been inundated with conference calls so it turned out that Dad performed as much if not more of the work as I did.

In no time, the job expanded many more "opportunities". Replacing all U joints, all four springs, brake drums, caliper rebuild, wheel cylinders, shocks, Windshield wiper problems.....The list goes on and on.

I forgot about the affects of rust on those pesky fine threaded bolts and studs since I relieved myself of my bug eyed Sprite back in the '80s. My tap and die set are once again good friends.

Also prolonging these "simple" repairs was a heavy layer of hard undercoating on all the suspension parts. The removal of many of these nuts and bolts covered by this wonderful stuff would have made a Spartan cry.

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Congratulations!

Ron Watts won First Place in the Mead Gardens Car show in the TR2—TR3 class on March 31.

Vic Hall, April 14, entered his two Jaguars into the Legends on the Green at World Golf Village and won:

- 1992 Jaguar, XJS-V12 - Peoples Choice Award for Year Group 1980-1994
- 1997 Jaguar, XK-8 Coupe - 2nd in Class, Driven Division of Concours Rules.

As a member of the Jaguar Club of America (JCONA) and the Jaguar Car Club of North Florida (JCCNF) He is now eligible and will be going on to several other Jaguar shows and competing for National Standing.



Moody Museum

Front Cover: Meeting at the Pub to caravan to the Museum.

Page 5: A few of the wonderful old cars at the Moody Museum.

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Cookout at the Brazil's House

Time 3:00 p.m. until...

Directions to the Brazil House

- From Atlantic Boulevard, turn North on Seminole Road.
- Proceed to the 5-way intersection, follow Seminole to next intersection-11th Street.
- Turn left, go to Stop sign, turn right on Linkside Drive.
- Proceed to next stop, bear to right.
- We are at 1480, about the 5th house on the left.
- Either ring the bell or come around the **left** side of the house through the gate to the party.
- Welcome! We are looking forward to seeing you.



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My original assessment on the sloppy steering with almost two inches of play in the steering rack was due to bad rack bushings. This would have been correct on any other classic I have been familiar with but not here. When the rack was removed the rubber bushings look almost new with no wear. I tightened the minute play in the rack itself by removing a shim from the damper and re-installed with new urethane bushings. I now only had one inch of play so I resorted to the unthinkable.....The manual! It turns out that I needed tools # S-341 to spread the two rack mount brackets apart while tightening them in place. The local Triumph dealer was closed (since 1980 I think) so I decided to make my own S-341 with a threaded rod and some scrap metal. It worked! No play!

The manufacturer must have known that I enjoy frame problems. I also found a broken left rear differential stud and poorly repaired right front differential mounting. From what I can tell from my research on the internet, this is the norm for these beauties. The genius that designed this part of the frame should be sent to the "Russian Front." I marched in the same parade as many TR6 owners and welded reinforcement gussets to supplement the lame original mounts. While we are speaking about frame issues, I also found a crack on the left rear spring perch and the music of my welder continued.

The dreaded rear axle hub removal was the only thing regretfully I had to farm out after a failed attempt at removal. After building a very strong puller and applying what seemed like 700 ft-lbs of force with a long pipe, an audible snap!! The end of the axle shaft and my ego shattered. I was happy to find another individual on the internet that proclaimed victory doing these also broke a few. With some good advice from Angelo Guzman I bit the bullet and bought a rebuilt unit. Man, it's painful to pay for something that I think I should be able to do!

Although my wife Lauralyn is very supportive, I'm sure this leaves her wondering why I would spend good money for a little car and have it suspended on blocks for what seems like eternity (no Jeff Foxworthy jokes here please). I'm certain my marriage will be back on solid ground once the few remaining back ordered parts arrive and I let her take the wheel.

John Popp

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